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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2744

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR GUERY: GOF YIELDS

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1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY ITALIAN EMBASSY THAT FRENCH GOVT HAS QTE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE UNQTE TO SOMALI COAST LIBERATION FRONT DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR GUERY. GOF AGREEMENT WAS CONVEYED TO LIBERATION FRONT AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HRS LOCAL. LIBERATION FRONT THEN ASKED THAT MEDIA BE INFORMED OF GOF DECISION. THIS DECISION HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO MEDIA.

2. ACCORDING ITALIAN COUNSELLOR WHO CONVEYED MESSAGE TO US, FIRST STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS NOW CONCLUDED. GOF AND SOMALI COAST LIBERATION FRONT WILL NOW WORK OUT DETAILS FOR RELEASE OF FRONT PRISONERS BEING HELD IN FRANCE, FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS, AND FOR FINAL RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR GUERY -- PROBABLY IN ADEN. ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO IDEA HOW

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LONG THAT PROCESS WILL TAKE.

3. GOF AGREEMENT TO DEMANDS COMES AS SOMETHING OF SURPRISE.
WHEN I SPOKE EARLIER TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR DESPARMENT WHO ARRIVED
MOGADISCIO THIS MORNING MARCH 25 BEARING MESSAGE FROM GISCARD
D'ESTAING, HE INTIMATED THAT INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTINUE
BEYOND 1900 HRS DEADLINE AND RAISED POSSIBILITY OF USING OUR
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES MARCH 26. HE IS AT PRESENT USING ITALIAN
EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, WHICH ARE SOMEWHAT OVERBURDENED.

4. WE ASSUME DEPT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO OUR PASSING
MESSAGES FROM AMBASSADOR DESPARMENT TO GOF THROUGH EMBASSY PARIS
IF HE BELIEVES THAT MIGHT EXPEDITE FINAL DETAILS. PLEASE
ADVISE.
HAMRICK

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